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SUMMARY: PROVIDED BELOW IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PARTICIPANTS IN QUADRIPARTITE AND SENIOR-LEVEL MEETINGS, AND REGARDING COMMUNIQUE AND AGENDA FOR MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. PARTICIPANTS. FRENCH PARTICIPANTS FOR QUADRIPARTITE BREAKFAST: MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES, POL DIRECTOR DE LABOULAYE, EUROPE DIRECTOR ANDREANI, PRESS DIRECTOR DELAMARRE, EUR DEP DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE PLAISANT, AND DE BOISSIEU FROM FRENCH BONN GROUP DELEGATION. ALL OF THE ABOVE WITH EXCEPTION OF THE MINISTER WILL PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR-LEVEL MEETING. GERMAN PARTICIPANTS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR BREAKFAST: MINISTER GENSCHER, POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL,

HEAD EAST-WEST AFFAIRS MEYER-LANDRUT, CHIEF BERLIN AND ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS LUECKING, PRESS SPOKESMAN VON PACHELBEL, AND PERS ASST TO GENSCHER CHROBOG. GERMAN PARTICIPANTS IN SENIOR-LEVEL MEETING: VAN WELL, MEYER-LANDRUT, AND LUECKING.

- 2. COMMUNIQUE. THE FRENCH HERE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT PARIS IS AGREEABLE TO INCLUDE IN NATO COMMUNIQUE A SINGLE-SENTENCE REFERENCE TO BERLIN AND DETENTE, ON LINES OF LAST SENTENCE PARA 7 OF DECEMBER 1974 COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE (SEE PARA 4 REFTEL). FRG FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 23 THAT FRG NATO DELEGATION WOULD RAISE BERLIN LANGUAGE QUESTION DURING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS THERE ON COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 23.
- 3. AGENDA. FRENCH REP IN TRIPARTITE MEETING MAY 22 PROVIDED FOLLOWING REACTIONS OF PARIS TO AGENDA AND PAPERS PRODUCED BY BONN GROUP: ANNOTATED AGENDA IS TOO SHORT, SENIOR-LEVEL MEETING SHOULD DECIDE IF LONG DISCUSSION PAPER SHOULD FORM BASIS OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION; BOTH ANNOTATED AGENDA AND LONG DISCUSSION PAPER HAVE EOUAL STANDING: PARIS BELIEVES AGENDA ITEMS B II 2, 3, 4 AND 6 DESERVE DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS; QUAI AGREES WITH DISSENTING POSITION TAKEN BY FRENCH BONN GROUP DEL ON CONSULTATIONS QUESTION (ITEM B II 3). FRENCH BONN GROUP REP INDICATED THE TELTOW CANAL AND BOUNDARY RESCUE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION (SEE BONN 8259), THIS SUGGESTION BRINGING CRIES OF ALARM FROM UK REP. (ON TELTOW CANAL, FRENCH REP CLARIFIED AND EXPANDED ON WHAT HE HAD INDICATED EARLIER TO US BILATERALLY: HE WOULD NOT WANT TO SAY THAT FRENCH WOULD REFUSE ALLOWING SENAT TO NEGOTIATE WITH GDR. BUT FRENCH WOULD INSIST ON PRIOR CLEAR STATEMENT TO ALLIES OF SPECIFIC FRG AIMS RE CANAL; IT DID NOT APPEAR LIKELY THAT GDR WOULD AGREE TO ANY REFERENCE TO QA OR TTA IN WHATEVER EMERGES AS AGREEMENT ON CANAL, BUT MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO WEST SHOULD BE REGIME FOR TELTOW CANAL ANALOGOUS TO THAT PROVIDED UNDER QA AND TTA FOR OTHER TRANSIT TRAFFIC SO EAST COULD NOT CLAIM LATER THAT TELTOW AGREEMENT, WITH APPROVAL OF THREE CONFIDENTIAL.

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ALLIES, HAD CHANGED THE QA.) UK REP AGAIN MADE DISCLAIMER AS TO LIKELIHOOD THAT HIS MINISTER WOULD HAVE TIME TO READ LONGER DISCUSSION PAPER. HILLENBRAND

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